

Additional Information:

Information is the key to preparing for emergency situations. Collin County is prepared to recognize, respond and assist in any emergency situation that may arise. There are many sources of information available, some are listed below.

Helpful Phone Numbers:

Collin County Health Department

(972) 548-5500

TDH Region 2/3

(817) 264-4500

American Red Cross

(972) 542-5642

American Heart Association

(214) 748-7212

Fire Marshal's Office

825 N. McDonald Street

Phone: (972) 548-5576

Fax: (972) 548-5574

www.co.collin.tx.us/fire_marshal/

Please contact the Fire Marshal's office for information concerning:

- Fire Investigations
- Outdoor Burning Information
- Commercial Burning Permits
- Fireworks Information



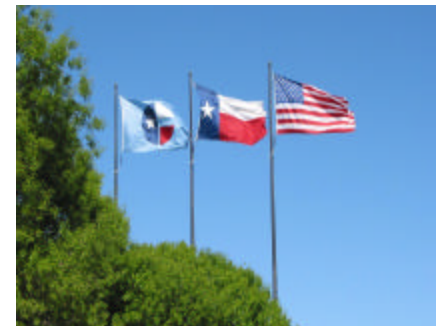
825 North McDonald
Suite 140
McKinney, TX 75069

Phone: (972) 548-4383
Fax: (972) 548-5574

Email: homelandsecurity@co.collin.tx.us



Department of Homeland Security



Security Preparedness Guide

The Department of Homeland Security

Roles and Functions

The Department of Homeland Security was created in order to direct and coordinate responses to disasters and emergencies as well as to conduct threat assessments for potential terrorism and bioterrorism incidents.

The department is also assisting in regional planning efforts including:

- emergency management operations
- improved communication measures
- disease surveillance and laboratory testing

Bioterrorism Division

Collin County has also set up a new Bioterrorism Division that works under the Department of Homeland Security.

A Bioterrorism Response Team has been assembled to prepare for the possibility of a terrorist attack. This team consists of valuable personnel including:

- Director of Homeland Security
- Bioterrorism Coordinator
- IT Specialist
- County Physician
- Nurse Epidemiologist
- Medical Examiner
- Public Health Administrator
- Public Health Coordinator
- Fire Marshal's Office
- Public Information Officer



Responding to An Emergency

The department's trained public health professionals are prepared to react and respond quickly to any emergency, crisis or disaster. What should you do to prepare for an emergency such as a bioterrorist attack or a natural disaster? An informed community base may be our greatest ally. The three initial steps that families can take to prepare for an emergency are:

1. Assemble an emergency supply kit.
2. Develop a family communication plan.
3. Learn more about the emergency situations you could possibly face.

There are many resources that can help you prepare, including the following websites:



Collin County

www.co.collin.tx.us

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

American Heart Association

www.americanheart.org

Emergency Preparedness

www.ready.gov

Texas Department of Health (TDH)

www.tdh.texas.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov

Be Prepared....

- Maintain your normal routine. Be alert to problems, but don't let fear overwhelm or impede your daily life and schedule.
- You can prepare to deal with a public health threat using the same techniques used to prepare for other crisis incidents such as natural disasters or severe weather.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Know where exits, stairwells, and secondary exits are located in public areas.
- Learn first aid. Contact your local chapter of American Red Cross, American Heart Association, local hospital or fire department for CPR and first aid classes.
- Pay attention to the media. If an emergency occurs, the radio and television stations will provide you with pertinent information.

